

CITY OF MIAMI BEACH
Office of the City Manager
Letter to Commission No. 321-2005



To: Mayor David Dermer and
Members of the City Commission

Date: January 3, 2005

From: Jorge M. Gonzalez
City Manager

Subject: **Collaboration of the Arts, An Affair of the Arts Performance and Gala**

This Letter to Commission is to inform you of the upcoming "Collaboration of the Arts", An Affair of the Arts Performance and Gala which is taking place on Saturday, January 15, 2005 at Collins Park Cultural Center.

This gala is NFAA's main fundraising activity. With the collaboration of the City of Miami Beach, Miami City Ballet, Bass Museum of Art, New World Symphony and the Miami Beach Public Library, the 2005 gala is planned to be a complete theatrical event. It will feature and honor up to 125 high school senior national winners of the ARTS program, these young actors, dancers, singers, musicians, writers, visual artists, photographers and film makers, bringing an enthusiasm and energy to the evening.

The evening's highlight will be the presentation of the 5th Annual Arison Award to Mikhail Baryshnikov. The Arison Award is given annually by NFAA to an individual who has had a significant impact on the lives of young people in the arts. The Arison Award includes a \$10,000 grant from NFAA to the recipient's charitable organization of choice.

Mr. Baryshnikov will be honored for his contribution to the professional development of emerging and mid-career artists. His principle work in encouraging young artists has been through the Baryshnikov Arts Center and the Baryshnikov Dance Foundation dedicated to foster the development of new and experimental work.

The event begins at 6:00 p.m. with a Champagne Reception, followed by performances by NFAA ARTS alumni, Introduction of the 2005 NFAA ARTS Winners and Presentation of the Fifth Annual Arison Award to Mikhail Baryshnikov. Cocktail Reception, Silent Auction and Dinner and Dancing will begin at 7:30 p.m.

You and one guest are cordially invited to join. If you would like to attend and participate in this exciting event please RSVP by January 7, 2005 to Pilar Pava at 305.377.1140. For all other questions, please feel free to contact me.

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c: Christina M. Cuervo, Assistant City Manager
Max A. Sklar, Acting Director, Tourism and Cultural Development Department

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